— Hiring of private practitioners on case-to-case basis.

(b) and (c) The PHCs are run by the State/UT Governments. Under National Rural Health Mission [NRHM], funds are released to States/UTs Governments for upgradation and strenthening of Primary Health Centres. The State/UT Governments are however required to incorporate their requirement in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans.

Appointments in Indian Red Cross Society

872. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of appointments have been made in the Indian Red Cross Society in violation of established norms during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of such appointments;

(c) whether responsibility for violation of the rule is being fixed on the official concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

FDA in the country

873. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and United States have recently decided to set up a Food and Drug Authority like regulatory body in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the quality of food products and drugs in the country have been found to be most adulterated and not even upto the standards; and

(d) if so, to what extent setting up of a regulatory body with United States is going to check manufacture and sale of sub-standard food products and drugs in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A Food Safety and Standards Authority of India is being set up by an Act of Parliament, namely, the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (No. 34 of 2006).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.